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| Date of Interview: 10 May 2007. | | | | | | |
| Type: a)⊠ Telephonic b)□ Video Conference c)□ Personal [copy given to: 1)□ applicant 2)□ applicant's representative] | | | | | | |
| Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes If Yes, brief description: | e)⊠ No. | | | | | |
| Claim(s) discussed: <u>Claims 5, 7, 29, 31, and 40 - 45</u> . | | | | | | |
| Identification of prior art discussed: <u>USPN 5,799,310</u> . | | | | | | |
| Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A. | | | | | | |
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| (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) | | | | | | |
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative (Mr. Samuels) introduced the proposed amendment to the independent claims by pointing out the differences between the instant invention and the prior art of record (USPN 5,799,310) with particular reference to "creating a unique dedicated directory" within a file system for storing user defined type. Mr. Samuels reiterated that the prior art of record does not teach this limitation. Examiner informed applicant's representative to submit a response to the last Office Action before a decision is made.



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PROPOSED INTERVIEW AGENDA

Dear Examiner Ehichioya, as mentioned yesterday, I would like to discuss the attached proposed claim amendments with you tomorrow during our telephonic interview. These proposed amendments are for SN 10/692,227. I would propose making similar amendments in SN 1/121,882.

In particular, I would like to focus on (1) proposed (now independent) claims 5 and 29 along with their respect new dependent claims 40-42 and 43-45; and (2) proposed (now independent) claims 7 and 31. Essentially, I am proposing to rewrite claims 5, 29 and 7, 31 as independent claims. I look forward to speaking with you tomorrow.

Steven B. Samuels - Reg. No. 37,711

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